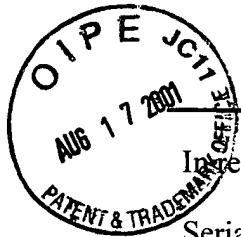


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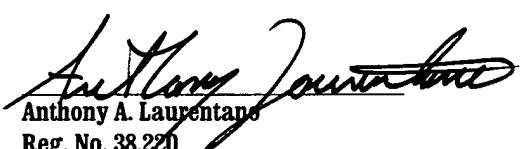
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Application of Nonprovisional Application dated July 31, 2001, in connection with the above-referenced patent application, we enclose (1) an executed Declaration, Petition and Power of Attorney form

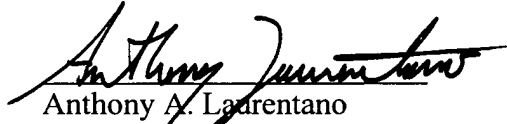
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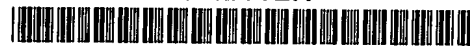
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